

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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The following precis of papers on the subject of concessions to applicants for waste lands in bechirak villages in the Heggaddevankote and the Hunsur Taluks.

PRECIS.

In the Representative Assembly of 1909, Mr. Lingegowda of the Mysore District Board and Mr. H. C. Subba Rao of the Hunsur Taluk suggested that Government waste dry lands in bechirak villages especially in the Heggaddevankote and Hunsur Taluks, might be given out for cultivation on shraya tenure, the kandayem being fixed at two annas per acre for the first fifteen years and thereafter raised to the full assessment gradually. They also represented that applications for lands in these localities were not speedily disposed of and, as an instance of delay, referred to an application for lands at Waderahalli, Hosahalli hobli, Hunsur Taluk, which had been pending for over two years.

The matter was referred to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore for enquiry and report.

The Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Mysore Sub-Division reported (in his letter No. 76, dated 26th November 1910, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District) that the delay in the disposal of the Waderahalli darkhast was due to the fact that the land applied for in the first instance was not taken up but another land was applied for and granted instead in the same year. He was of opinion that the concessions prayed for by the members should be shown only to applicants for unassessed waste lands and such assessed waste lands as were overgrown with bushes, in thinly populated areas in Heggaddevankote and Hunsur Taluks, such as, Kandalike and Antarsante hoblis of the Heggaddevankote Taluk and Hara-nahalli of the Hunsur Taluk, where lands were being freely resigned. He further observed that the population of the Kandalike and Antarsante hoblis was slowly decreasing on account of increase of malaria due to the recent afforestation of large areas. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, concurred in the opinion. The Revenue Commissioner stated that he was trying to secure the speedy disposal of darkhasts generally, so as to promote the expansion of cultivation without sacrificing Government interests, and that he would take the necessary steps to remedy the difficulties after personally discussing the subject with the members concerned.

The correspondence was recorded in the Government Order No. 77, dated 7th July 1911; and the attention of the Conservator of Forests was drawn to the observations of the Mysore Sub-Division Officer and the Deputy Commissioner regarding the decrease of population in the Kandalike and Antarsante hoblis and he was requested to favour Government with his remarks thereon.

In his letter No. 743, dated 25th July 1911, the Conservator reports that the allegation, that the population of the two hoblis in question is decreasing owing to excessive reservation, is groundless, for there has been no reservation of new areas in the Kandalike hobli and that only a small area far away from village limits has been reserved in the Antarsante hobli. He adds that State Forests provide employment for hundreds of people and in this sense afforestation cannot be said to be the cause of decrease in population, and that the nature of the localities, which are wild, thickly wooded and waterless, must be regarded as the cause of the depopulation.

No. R. 6745-6—L. R. 408-09-6, DATED BANGALORE, 17TH MAY 1912.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded

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*Officiating Secretary to Government, General
and Revenue Departments.*

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

No. R. 7049—Agri. 131-11-2, dated 21st May 1912.

With reference to Notification No. R. 2927—Agri. 90-07-4, dated 14th November 1908, published in Part IV of the *Mysore Gazette* dated 19th November 1908, it is hereby notified for general information, that the proposal to hold the Grand Exhibition of Japan in 1917 has been abandoned.

By Order,

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and Revenue Departments.*